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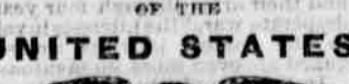
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OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:
FRANK P. BLAIR,
OF MISSOURI.

THE NATIONAL ISSUES:
Local self-government!
A white man's country!
One kind of money for rich and
poor alike!

The latest infamy in the shape of a militia bill is that offered by Mr. Thorburn, the last section of which provides that the Governor may declare martial law, in whatever county he pleases; send into it any number of militia he pleases and make such county pay all the expenses of such armed banditti. We shall not be surprised at anything the Legislature may do—knowing the stolid ignorance and tendish indolence that are its leading characteristics. But we warn that den of vipers that such an act will be plying on the agony a little too thick, and that if peace be their object they will not reach it by that route.

There is not on this continent a more orderly and quiet community than that of Montgomery county, and yet old Spitzer is authorized to quarter any number of his armed thieves in our midst and make us pay for their support, if such be his sovereign will; and he will want no better pretext for so doing than the fact that we are a community of gentlemen, save and except a few members of his own gang who are prominent aspirants for cells in the Penitentiary.

In the history of nations there is no act of tyranny so galling—so apt to engender a spirit of resistance as that of quartering troops upon unoffending citizens, and the strongest governments resort to it only as the last resort of tyranny to crush out the spirit of manly independence. Brownlow's government is too new in its despotic rule, and the recollection of free government is too fresh in the minds of the people to make such an attempt altogether safe. There are eighty thousand men in this State who, but yesterday, enjoyed all the rights of freemen; who know that their deprivation of those rights was the work of force, and that the continuance of their disfranchisement is the work of a contemptible and contumacious minority, backed by extraneous coalitions of armed upstarts. They are a thousand strong, and have proven their capacity for self-government and appreciation of free institutions, by their submission to a bogus government and their misplaced confidence in the return of peace and justice through the direct action of those of their own race whom chance has placed in power.

Sordly disappointed in this hope, and taught by experience that the ruling minority is destitute of all sense of justice—of every generous and manly attribute, it is too much to expect of them that they will forget what they were and, under the necessities of the hour, bear unreluctantly the grossest wrongs that tyranny can devise and a minority attempt to enforce.

In Turkey, oppression is not only hereditary but traditional; in Dahomey, negro supremacy is the normal condition of the people; here, the case is reversed; liberty is our inheritance, and negro rule a modern device of beastly tyrants whom it were flattery to place upon an equality with the most brutal of the sons of Africa.

Resistance by a people who never knew what liberty is, as improbable as tame submission by a people whose birth-right is freedom; who have come into its possession and once enjoyed its blessings. Never yet has any colored race established a government embodying the principles of freedom or the elements of stability, and never has the Anglo-Saxon, anywhere, been so thoroughly subdued as to extinguish his love of liberty or his spirit of resistance. Tennesseeans are of that indomitable race, and hence we infer that neither negro supremacy nor the tyrants who inaugurate it, can long exist in this State or elsewhere in this country.

And if these evils are endured for a time, from motives of prudence, it is none the less sure that our oppressors will be taught the folly of their belief that their rule is to be perpetual and the more vindictive, the more secure. Much has been borne rather than incurred the horrors of civil war; but our rulers will do well to remember that we are not Turks and that Africans are not legitimate sovereigns in this once free country. Disfranchisement is endured because of the belief that there is a peaceful remedy for it; but there is no remedy for the depressions and murders of a lawless militia; save the strong arm of a brave and determined people; and when we are commanded to feed and clothe them while they lay waste our property and insult our women and murder our men,

human nature is taxed beyond its powers of endurance. Then the question arises, shall we live in poverty and infamy, or risk life, property—everything, in a manly defense of our lives, our honor and our rights.

There are worse than Turkish slaves among us, worse because they cannot plead ignorance and traditional opposition in palliation of their cowardly and selfish submissiveness. There are worse than Dahomey barbarians among us, because they can plead no precedents, no natural law, in extenuation of the Anglo-Saxon race. But, thank God, these traitors to their country and their race are in a lean minority, and it may not be unhealthy for them to remember that, as the authors and instigators of all the wrongs heaped upon better men, they will be the selected and first victims whenever the conflict is forced upon us.

May such a conflict be averted by wise counsels than now mark the proceedings of our rulers. We want peace; but not the peace that broods over a murdered people and their desolated homes. We want the peace that belongs to the firm and wise administration of justice, not the solemn stillness that follows the desolating whirlwind of human passion. Unfortunately, it does not rest with the Democrats of Tennessee to say whether or not we shall have such a peace. The State is like a powder magazine, and the Radicals are the fools and knaves who are popping dynamite at the door.

The Nashville Banner, of last Saturday, contains an earnest appeal for the proscription of Radicals, socially, politically and commercially. Two years ago, we urged this policy upon the people. It raised a howl of affected indignation among Radical editors of the North—Greely leading the pack. And how was it answered? Hoping that you will give an early answer, we have the honor to be very respectfully, your obedient servants,

W. A. GARNER,
THOMAS J. CYPERT,
M. J. J. CAGLE.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 16, 1868.
Hon. W. A. GARNER, Thos. J. Cypert, and
M. J. CAGLE.

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to

acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and to thank you for this further manifestation of the uniform kindness and courtesy for which I trust my ever be rewarded.

Pursuing that your letter embodies a request of yours for a copy of your authority to act and your instructions in the premises, I necessarily infer that the "primary meeting" did not request Mr. Arnell to withdraw from the meeting, but could not prevent him from attending. On Thursday, a gentleman in whose employ he was in the city, and he contends the same moment, was killed by Sheriff Darden. Darden was a Democratic speaker, and was manifested by a Radical negro, who has since been arrested, after confessing both the deed and the motive which prompted it. More than half the outrages reported daily, paralleled with the Radical journals, are probably thus distorted for partisan purposes, while the balance have no existence, in fact, outside the crazy fears of superstitious negroes or the imagination of designing plunders.

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